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LETTER DATED 10 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 7 November 1994 addressed to you, I should like to inform you that, on the afternoon of 9 November 1994, four Iranian military aircraft bombed the two towns of Kuysanjaq and Taqtaq in the Governorate of Irbil, north of latitude 36, 60 kilometres inside Iraqi territory, which resulted in the destruction and burning of several houses and injury to three civilian inhabitants of the area.

This Iranian aggression constitutes a gross violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as a serious breach of the cease-fire provisions of Security Council resolution 598 (1987). It also violates the Charter of the United Nations.

While wishing to affirm that it reserves its right to legitimate defence against aggression by such means as it deems fit and that the Iranian Government bears the international responsibility arising from its aggression, the Government of the Republic of Iraq also reminds the Security Council, through you, that on more than one occasion the Iranian Government has clearly exploited the imposition of the embargo on Iraq to perpetrate aggression against it, thus necessitating an earnest search for ways of guaranteeing that Iraq is able to defend itself, particularly since the Security Council resolutions which imposed the embargo on Iraq have affirmed the respect of the United Nations and its Member States for the independence and sovereignty of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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